

# Public Notice of Application for State of Washington 401 Water Quality Certification

**Project Name:** Seattle-to-Tacoma Sounder  
Commuter Rail Easements and Improvements  
(Easement 4)

**Applicant:** Burlington Northern Santa Fe  
Railway

**Project Description:** Track improvements along section of rail corridor. Mitigation for 2.84 acres of wetland impacts and aquatic impacts would be through purchase of credits from the King County Mitigation Reserves Program. Mitigation for 3.06 acres of temporary impacts would be through on-site restoration and native plantings.

**Project Location:** BNSF right-of-way, Auburn, King County, Washington.

**Public Notice Date:** March 2, 2015

**Comment Period Ends:** March 9, 2015

**Application and Additional Information:**

Ecology's Federal Permit Website

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/fed-permit/>

Click on **Northwest Region**.

*To obtain a hard copy of the project information,  
please call 360-407-7421.*

**NOTE:** This is the third public notice issued for this project. BNSF Railway re-applied for certification of this project on February 23, 2015. There are no substantive changes to the project.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws.

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

**Comments should be sent to:**

Department of Ecology—SEA Program

Federal Project Coordinator

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